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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patent documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed foreign patent documents are also enclosed.

**STATEMENT/PETITION/FEE**

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three (3) months of the filing date of the application. Accordingly, Applicant submits that no Statement, Petition, or Fee is necessitated by the filing of this paper. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

REMARKS

Japanese Patent Document No. 11-212417 is discussed at least at page 4, line 20 through page 5, line 8 of the specification.

Japanese Patent Document No. 54-143645 is discussed at least at page 24, lines 5 through 19 of the specification. U.S. Patent Nos. 4,461,819; 4,551,405; 4,557,990; 4,613,558; and 4,670,369, and U.S. Reissued Patent No. 35,198 are identified as being in the family of Japanese Patent Document No. 54-143645.

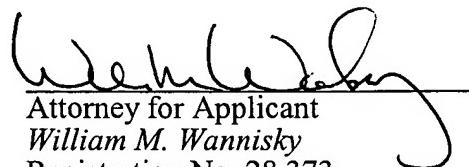
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

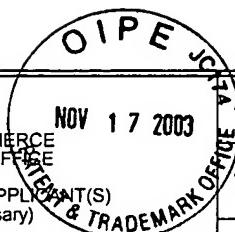


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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	4,461,819	07/24/84	Nakagawa, et al.	430	59	
	4,551,405	11/05/85	Nakagawa, et al.	430	64	
	4,557,990	12/10/85	Nakagawa, et al.	430	84	
	4,613,558	09/23/86	Nakagawa, et al.	430	84	
	4,670,369	06/02/87	Nakagawa, et al.	430	128	
	4,674,865	06/23/87	Tada, et al.	355	15	
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
	54-143645	11/09/79	Japan			Abstract
	11-212417	08/06/99	Japan			Abstract

## OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


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